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ABSTRACT

The first section of this report provides information comparing selected dropout data from the Virginia State Department of Education's publication "Facing Up" for the years 1980-1985. The report states that the comparisons were made to show the need to continue efforts to reduce the number of dropouts and to provide programs for those who have already dropped out. The second section of the report provides information from a 1985 dropout survey. Listed are those school divisions in Virginia which reported having programs/activities to prevent dropouts and those having programs/activities for students who have already dropped out. Succinct phrases identifying activities are supplied. A contact person for each school division is listed. The third section summarizes information from the July 1985 Virginia dropout survey, including number of reports, expenditures, courses, activities/programs, and successful activities. The dropout survey questionnaire and rankings of school divisions by dropout rates are included. (ABL)

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COMPARISON OF DROPOUTS 1980-1985
FROM "FACING UP"

STATE TOTALS	DROPOUT GR. 8-12 As Reported Each Year September-June				
	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
No.	20,756	19,256	17,083	17,492	17,355
Rate	5.3%	4.9%	4.4%	4.5%	4.4%
NON GRADUATION (NG)/GRADUATION (G) RATES					
NG	26.7%	25.0%	24.3%	24.1%	25.1%
G	73.3%	75.0%	75.7%	75.9%	74.9%
Enrol+ 9th	91,623	90,416	86,600	81,937	81,394
No. NG	24,499	22,607	21,029	19,760	20,435

+Ninth grade enrollment four years prior to graduation
*Could be summer dropouts, transfers, deaths, etc.

TOP FIVE PERCENT OF THE
SCHOOL DIVISIONS WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER
OF DROPOUTS - 34%-35% OF STATE TOTAL

Norfolk	2,026	Norfolk	1,817	Norfolk	1,556	Norfolk	1,334	Fairfax	1,348
Rich.City	1,294	Rich.City	1,155	Fairfax	1,068	Fairfax	1,254	Va.Beach	1,082
Fairfax	1,120	Va.Beach	1,042	Va.Beach	1,017	Va.Beach	1,047	Norfolk	1,058
Va.Beach	1,023	Fairfax	1,021	Rich.City	986	Rich.City	816	Rich.City	869
Henrico	616	Hampton	564	N.News	517	N.News	575	Chest'field	569
Chest'field	567	Henrico	560	Henrico	450	Henrico	518	Henrico	518
Pr.William	526	N.News	534	Hampton	431	Chest'field	497	Pr.William	472
No.	7,172		6,693		6,025		6,040		5,916
% State	34.5%		34.7%		35%		34.1%		34%

TOP FIVE PERCENT OF THE
SCHOOL DIVISIONS WITH THE
HIGHEST DROPOUT RATES
GRADES 8-12

1980-81		1981-82		1982-83		1983-84		1984-85	
Norfolk		Norfolk		Norfolk		Norfolk		Petersburg	
2,076	15.8%	1,817	14.2%	1,556	12.8%	1,334	11.5%	284	10.1%
Richmond City		Greene		Greene		Fries		Greensville	
1,294	12.4%	71	10.9%	82	12.6%	33	11.1%	129	10.1%
Manassas Park		Richmond City		Cape Charles		Charlottesville		Cape Charles	
56	9.2%	1,153	10.5%	12	10.8%	153	8.6%	10	9.3%
Roanoke City		Buchanan		Fredericksburg		Greensville		Norfolk	
507	9.1%	283	9.2%	87	9.8%	103	8.3%	1,058	9.3%
Norton		Prince Edward		Richmond City		Hopewell		Richmond City	
227	9.0%	65	8.1%	986	9.3%	140	8.2%	869	8.6%
Portsmouth		Louisa		Isle of Wight		Richmond City		Charlottesville	
577	8.7%	109	8.0%	125	8.1%	816	7.9%	144	8.5%
Suffolk		Norton		Charles City		Page		Amelia	
306	8.5%	237	7.8%	43	7.7%	111	7.7%	42	7.1%
STATE AVERAGE									
	5.3%		4.9%		4.4%		4.5%		4.4%
NO. DIVISIONS ABOVE STATE AVERAGE	57		62		59		65		68

		Graduation School Year							
		81-82		82-83		83-84		84 85	
		Number	Year	Number	Year	Number	Year	Number	Year
1.	September 30 Ninth Grade Membership	90,416	78-79	86,600	79-80	81,937	80-81	81,394	81-82
2.	Dropouts during Grade 9	4,870	78-79	5,238	79-80	5,129	80-81	4,908	81-82
3.	Dropouts during Grade 10	5,249	79-80	4,899	80-81	4,463	81-82	3,929	82-83
4.	Dropouts during grade 11	4,312	80-81	3,901	81-82	3,402	82-83	3,425	83-84
5.	Dropouts during grade 12	2,972	81-82	2,594	82-83	3,000	83-84	2,875	84-85
6.	Total Dropouts (2+3+4+5)	17,403	78-82	16,632	79-83	15,994	80-84	15,137	81-85
7.	Graduates	67,809	81-82	65,571	82-83	62,177	83-84	60,959	84-85
8.	Ninth Grade Minus Graduates (1-7)	22,607		21,029		19,760		20,435	
9.	Ninth Grade Minus Graduates and Dropouts (8-6)	5,204		4,397		3,766		5,298	

S E C T I O N II

CONDENSED INFORMATION FROM
DROPOUT QUESTIONNAIRE
1985

SCHOOL DIVISION	DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAM	DROPOUT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
ALEXANDRIA	Alternative Education in all Jr. HS Support services -teacher, aide, counselor -parental involvement (emphasis) -social services -employment commission -job skills training provided -truant officer Annual cost: $84,941 Local Contact: Dr. Charles Jackson 703/998-2132	Adult continuing education GED Adult basic education -language arts -mathematics -ESL classes -occupational skill training Support services -social services -JTPA -Business/industry Annual Cost : $415,297 -$51,532 Federal -$66,295 State -$297,470 Local Contact: Richard Hills 702/998-2045
ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS	Focus program Social services Employment Commission Annual Cost: $17,000 Local Contact: Mary Litts Burton 703/962-3968	None
APPOMATTOX	Alternative education Social services Volunteers - special counseling Annual Cost: n/c Contact: Richard Carter 804/352-9251	Social services Business/industry Annual Cost: $1,000 - local Contact: same
ARLINGTON	Employment Training Center -job training -job placement Alternative education School skills center Vocational funds Annual Cost: $700,000 State: $200,000 Local: $500,000 Contact: William Young 703/558-2809	Adult education Job training Job placement Contact: same

DIVISION	DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAMS	DROPOUT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
AUGUSTA	Alternative Education Center Support Services Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center Education for Employment Vocational Occupational Exploration	
	Annual Cost: $485,400 $ 42,900 Federal $ 91,700 State $250,800 Local $100,000 Other	Annual Cost: Cost applied to alternative program
	Contact: William Vaughan 703/885-8153	Contact: Same
	Vocational education Special education Chapter I Basic aid Special grant Rehab services	
BATH	Upper Elementary Level Remedial Program Secondary level adult life skills program JTPA vocational skills class during summer	
	Annual Cost: $87,700 $ 67,100 Federal $ 20,600 Local	Annual Cost: n/c
	Contact: Jackie Stephenson 703/839-2722	Contact: same
BRISTOL	Alternative education	None
	Annual Cost: $50,000 $ 20,000 State basic aid $ 30,000 Local Contact: Norma Lester 703/669-8181	
BRUNSWICK	Homebound instruction Remedial reading Practical English, practical mathematics Vocational education, special education Support services JTPA Dept. of Social Services	Alternative education
	Annual Cost: $60,000 Contact: Charles A. Patsell 804/848-2158	Annual Cost: $50,832 - Federal Contact: Joy Bell 804/848-2125

DIVISION	DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAMS	DROPOUT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
BUCHANAN	Job assistance Counseling student/parent Visiting teacher program Annual Cost: n/c Contact: Paul L. Hayes 703/935-4551	
CAMPBELL	Counseling Vocational Training Support Services Adult Education Programs Job Corps Summer Jobs Program Annual Cost: n/c Contact: Joseph Berryman	Annual cost: n/c Contact: same
CARROLL	Flexible Scheduling Work Study JTPA VEC Annual Cost: $15,000 $ 9,000 Federal $ 3,000 State $ 3,000 Local Contact: Frank Hawkes 703/728-3191	None
CHARLOTTE	Counseling Career Education Support Services Juvenile, Domestic Relations Court Mental Health Services Annual Cost: n/c Contact: Judy Lacks 804/542-5151	None
CHARLOTTES-VILLE	Alternative Education Counseling Summer School Remedial Annual Cost: $25,000 $ 25,000 Local Contact : Steve Waters 703/296-5131	Encourages students who dropout to participate in the services provided by the Charlottesville Youth Service Center, Monticello Community Action Agency, the Drewry Brown Training Center

DIVISION	DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAMS	DROPOUT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
CHESTERFIELD	Developmental guidance Vocational education Special education JTPA Support Services Boy Scouts, Jr. Achievement Girl Scouts Rotary Clubs Annual Cost: No separate budget Contact: Dorothy S. Jones 804/748-1473	None
CLARKE	Work study-alternative education Elementary counseling Career education Education for employment Annual Cost: $43,245 $ 17,298 State $ 25,947 Basic Aid Contact: William Overby 703/955-2438	Basic adult education GED Prep Annual Cost: $3,333 $3,000 Federal $ 333 Local Contact: Paul Jones 703/955-1852
CUMBERLAND	Counseling Reading improvement Annual Cost: n/c Contact: Pauline F. Depew 804/492-4212	Adult education classes Annual Cost: n/c Contact: Mary Miller 703/492-4808
CULPEPER	Individualized instruction Alternative programs - K-12 Vocational Tech Center Annual Cost : n/c Contact: Walter Thomas 703-825-3677	Adult basic education Contact: same
DINWIDDIE	Pre-vocational program in elementary school Block program for Jr.H.S. math, science, language arts, reading Annual Cost: n/c Contact: Richard Vaughn 703/469-3773	None

DIVISION	DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAMS	DROPOUT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
ESSEX	Counseling Data collection-emphasis on attendance Support services Juvenile & domestic relations court Annual Cost: n/c Contact: William Bowling 804/443-4366	None
FAIRFAX	Team counseling/coordination Monitoring achievement Community involvement Annual Cost:n/c Contact: Margaret Richardson 703/698-7166	Follow up Counseling contact program Referral Contact: same
FALLS CHURCH	Vocational, career instruction Low teacher-student ratio Special courses reading,English math Parent tutors Peer tutors Annual Cost: n/c Contact: Ms. Jesse Millhouse 703/241-7621	Counseling available
FAUQUIER	Job training, in school suspension Support services Alternative schools Annual Cost: $99,287 $ 22,050 State $ 600 Federal $ 76,637 Local Contact: Phyllis Worrell 703/347-8673	Adult learning Rehab, Social services GED program Contact: Rebecca Jones 703/347-4372
FLUVANNA	Alternative education program for over age 7th, 8th grade students Vocational education Annual Cost: $32,000 $ 20,000 State $ 12,000 Local Contact: Roy Loving 804/589-8208	None

DIVISION	DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAMS	DROPOUT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
FRANKLIN	Reduced student-teacher ratio K-3 Remedial instruction Counseling Alternative programs Annual Cost: $500,000 $ 100,000 Federal $ 240,000 State $ 160,000 Local Contact: Morris Law 703/483-5138	Adult basic education Alternative programs GED Annual Cost: $60,000 $30,000 Local $20,000 State $10,000 Federal Contact: same
FREDERICK	Alternative Education Multi discipline team Counseling Annual Cost: $26,000 Local Contact : James Brinson 703/667-5226	Annual Cost: Combined with prevention Contact: same
GALAX	Plan identified but not submitted Contact: Robert Harrison 703/236-2911	None
GILES	Alternative Education Linkage program (multi-agency) Annual Cost: $74,000 $ 10,000 Federal $ 24,000 State $ 40,000 Local Contact: James Worley 703/921-1421	Alternative school Support services Annual Cost: Combined with prevention program Contact: same
GOOCHLAND	Alternative education JTPA Annual Cost: $41,800 $ 24,800 Local $ 17,000 Federal Contact: Arkell Roane,Sr. 804/784-5044	Adult basic education Annual Cost: $5,535 $ 1,044 Local $ 3,441 Federal $ 1,050 State Contact: Lewis Blakely 804/784-5044
GRAYSON	Alternative Education Vocational education Counseling/job placement Annual Cost: n/c Contact: Edgar Dehart 703/773-3131	None

DIVISION	DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAMS	DROPOUT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
GREENE	Alternative education Employment skills training Support services Juvenile, domestic relations court Vocational exploratory program Annual Cost: $100,000 State-vocational Federal - Title VI-B flow thru Contact: Ronald McMullan 804/985-2580	GED
GREENSVILLE	GED, OPT programs Vocational education Annual Cost: $686,000 $480,000 Federal $102,000 State $104,000 Local Contact: J.H.L.Russell 804/634-3748	Community/business Assistance & training program Annual Cost: $160,000 $80,000 State $80,000 Local Contact: same
HALIFAX	Alternative Education-evening Vocational education GED Community support Annual Cost: $80,000 $50,000 Federal $30,000 State Contact: Charles Edwards, Jr. 804/476-2171	Alternative Education GED Vocational Education Inter-agency linkages Annual Cost: Combined with prevention program Contact: same
HANOVER	In-school youth program In-school suspension Annual Cost: $ 55,425 $30,000 Federal $10,000 State $15,425 Local Contact : Sharon Turshen 804/798-6025	Adult basic education GED Adult H.S. diploma Referral program Annual Cost: $18,240 $ 6,412 Federal $ 1,373 State $10,455 Local Contact: Elaine Ragland 804/785-6025
HARRISONBURG	Community/business partnerships Alternative education Career training Basic skills training Survival skills training Improving self image Annual Cost:$ 66,100 $16,525 State $49,575 Local Contact: Joseph Myers 703/434-2752	None

DIVISION	DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAMS	DROPOUT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
HENRICO	Henrico Trade Center Education for Employment Guidance Services Vocational Education	Adult Education JTPA
	Annual Cost: $1,336,203 $142,981 Federal $209,104 State $ 98,118 Local	Annual Cost: JTPA
	Contact: Nathan Matthews 804/266-7629	Contact: Donna Brant 804/222-1802
HOPEWELL	Visiting teacher program Court support services Telephone follow-up	70001 VEC
	Annual Cost: n/c Contact: Ann J. Hill 804/748-7030	Annual Cost: n/c Contact: same
ISLE OF WIGHT	Counseling Visiting teacher Parent conferences Support services	Visiting teacher
	Annual Cost: Local funds Contact: Warren Winter 804/357-2155	Annual Cost: n/c Contact: same
KING & QUEEN	Alternative education GED Vocational training Minimal academic competencies Improving self image Improving communication skills	None
	Annual Cost: n/c Contact: Vernice Dabney 804/785-6241	
LEE	Special education Multi-handicapped centers Chapter I - reading & math Pre-vocational classes Alternative education for those 16 years and older Evening classes	Adult Basic Education GED Vocational post-graduate program
	Annual Cost: $50-75,000	Annual Cost: $25,000 $10,000 Federal $15,000 Local-State
	Contact: David Willis 703/346-3762	Contact: same

DIVISION	DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAMS	DROPOUT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
LUNENBURG	Alternative education Vocational programs JTPA In-school suspension	Adult Basic Education GED
	Annual Cost: $202,000 $61,000 Federal $75,000 State $66,000 Local Contact: D. B. Carner 703/696-2104	Annual Cost: $5,800 $1,600 Federal $4,000 State $ 600 Local Contact: Isiah Hopkins 703/696-2104
LYNCHBURG	Coop G Home school coordinators School for pregnant girls In-school suspension Vocational counseling Attendance counseling	School/Job training seminars
	Annual Cost: $200,000 Federal - Vocational Education State - Basic Aid Contact: Ernest Martin 804/8471664	Annual Cost: n/c Contact: same
MANASSAS PARK	Alternative education Intermediate school Interagency task force Support services Health department Probation office	General adult education Adult Basic Education
	Annual Cost: $10,560 Local, State-Basic aid Contact: Donald Willard 703/361-9107	Annual Cost: $9,793 Contact: same
MANASSAS	Nontraditional classroom Alternative education Individualized instruction Support services Juvenile, domestic relations court Social services	None
	Annual Cost: $140,000 State, Local Contact: Larry Shireman 703/361-6809	

DIVISION	DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAMS	DROPOUT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
MONTGOMERY	Early intervention Career Day speakers Vocational training In-school suspension Annual Cost: $142,818 $14,746 Federal $138,072 Local Contact: Claire Cole 703/382-4901	None
NEW KENT	Visiting teacher Home school coordinator Rap-sessions Annual Cost: n/c Contact: Nina Burrell 804/966-9861	None
NEWPORT NEWS	Vocational education Teen parenting program Annual Cost: $409,797 $ 50,400 State $354,397 Local Contact: Ross Hines, Toy Watson 804/599-8787	None
NORTHUMBERLAND	GED Building Maintenance Annual Cost: $25,568 Federal-JTPA	None
NORFOLK	Computer identification Student counseling Rap sessions/community resource persons Special program Vocational education programs Annual Cost: $860,879 $269,589 Federal-JTPA $591,290 Local Contact: James Staton 804/441-2780	Adult, vocational education Annual Cost: $40,000 Federal Contact: same

DIVISION	DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAMS	DROPOUT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
ORANGE	REACH-Related Education and Coping Help STRESS-Special Training to reduce Educational Stress Annual Cost: $35,000 Local Contact: R. R. Graham, Jr. 703/672-1390	Alternative education GED Annual Cost: n/c
PAGE	Alternative education KIN-Kids in Need Annual Cost: $20,480 Local Contact: Jay Eackles 703/643-6533	GED JTPA Contact: same
PETERSBURG	Alternative education (special facility) Counseling Home visitation Annual cost: Regular Teachers Salaries Contact: Frank Teass 804/732-0510	Adult Basic Education GED Contact: same
PITTSYLVANIA	In-school suspension Improvement of self-image Reduction of inter-personal conflicts Career exploration Support services Rehab services Dan River Civic League Ridge St. Drug Center Annual Cost: n/c Contact: Kirby Wright 703/432-2761	VEC Job Corp Community action 70001 Contact: same
PORTSMOUTH	Vocational training Education for employment Youth employment training Focus program Annual Cost: $698,000 $170,000 Federal $256,000 State $272,000 Local Contact: Joe Watson 804/393-8822	Vocational training Counseling Annual Cost: n/c Contact: same

DIVISION	DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAMS	DROPOUT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
PRINCE GEORGE	Summer work program Vocational education Cooperative education Annual Cost: $24,000 $ 9,000 Federal $ 9,000 State $ 6,000 Local Contact: Betsy Preston 804/861-0776	Summer job (JTPA) Vocational education Annual Cost: $24,000 $ 9,000 Federal $ 9,000 State $ 6,000 Local Contact: same
PULASKI	In-school suspension Parental contact, referral Support services Probation Department Health Department Homebound instruction Annual Cost: $30,000 Local Contact: Robert Whytal 703/980-2237	Adult Basic Education Annual Cost; $2,000 Federal Contact: Gwen Arnold 703/674-5628
RADFORD	Counseling Annual Cost: n/c Contact: M. Wright 703/639-2464	Annual Cost: n/c Contact: same
RAPPAHANNOCK	Alternative scheduling Alternative programs at Tech Center Counseling Annual Cost: n/c Contact: Robert Chappell 703/987-8575	None
RICHMOND CITY	Uniform attendance, homework policies Community involvement teams Annual Cost: $97,500 Local Contact: Ralph Dickens 804/780-7711	None
RICHMOND COUNTY	Employment skills training GED preparation Annual Cost: $50,000 $25,000 Federal $25,000 Local Contact: Fred Pitman 804/333-3681	JTPA Annual Cost: $50,000 $25,000 Federal $25,000 Local Contact: same

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ROANOKE CITY	Alternative education grades 7-12 Exploring Technology-career training Annual Cost: $200,000 Local Contact: Julian Moore 703/981-2091	Adult Basic Education Adult high school GED TAP Annual Cost: n/c Contact: same
ROANOKE COUNTY	Southview Career Center Vocational training Support services Armed services recruiting VEC Visiting teachers program Annual Cost: $731,166 $ 66,340 Federal $ 146,992 State $ 517,834 Local Contact: Jerry Hardy 703/387-6453	None
ROCKBRIDGE	Counseling Annual Cost: n/c Contact: Jim Jay 703/463-7386	None
ROCKINGHAM	Alternative education Annual Cost: $26,220 Local Contact: Manford Weaver 703/434-4455	GED Adult Basic Education Annual Cost: $5,400 $4,800 Federal $ 540 Local Contact: same
SOUTHAMPTON	Counseling Help session-tutoring Remediation Job seeking/keeping Annual Cost: $90,000 Local Contact: Charles E. Turner 804/653-2692	None

DIVISION	DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAMS	DROPOUT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
SPOTSYLVANIA	Alternative education Annual Cost: $49,815 $ 12,685 State $ 37,129 Local Contact: Bruce Midkiff 703-582-6321	None
STAFFORD	Counseling Remedial Programs in math, reading, science Vocational programming Annual Cost: n/c Contact: Robert Womer 703/659-4176	Adult Education GED Counseling
STAUNTON	Alternative education counseling Support services Valley Mental Health Annual Cost: $76,043 $ 3,495 Federal $28,858 State $43,690 Local Contact: Paul Vames 703/885-5161	70001 Adult education GED Annual Cost: $237 $172.77 Federal $ 64.23 State Contact: same
SURRY	Remedial Instruction Coordinated Community Intervention Network Annual Cost: $25,000 Contact: Lloyd Hamlin 804/267-2211	Coordinated Community Intervention Network Annual Cost: $50,000 Contact: same
TAZEWELL	Alternative education for students 13-19 Annual Cost: $40,000 State Contact: Lockard Conley 703/988-5511	Adult Basic Education Annual Cost: $19,000 $10,000 Local $ 9,000 Federal Contact: same
VIRGINIA BEACH	Homes for pregnant teens Open entry, open exit programs at Career Center Counseling Annual Cost: n/c Contact : Emile Tilley 804/427-4151	Employment Counseling and placement Annual Cost; $103,573 Contact: William Graham 804/499-7686

DIVISION	DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAMS	DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAMS
WARREN	Alternative education - in school Community agency assistance work experience Annual Cost: $139,000 $ 111,000 Federal $ 28,000 Local Contact: Daniel A. Colaw 703/635-2171	Alternative education-out of school GED Job search Annual Cost: combined with prevention programs Contact: same
WASHINGTON	Technical school Low student-teacher ratio Career & personal counseling Annual Cost: $400,000 $ 56,328 Federal $343,672 State & local Contact: R. H. Ely 703/628-7157	Basic education JTPA GED Adult vocational classes Annual Cost: n/c Contact: same
WESTMORELAND	Alternative education Counseling Annual Cost: $40,000 Local Contact: George Otman 804/493-8018	Adult Basic Education Annual Cost: $2,000 Federal Contact: same
WILLIAMSBURG/ JAMES CITY CO.	Alternative education "Turning Point" Annual Cost: n/c Contact: Dennis Kellison 804/253-6731	None
WISE	8th & 9th grade-occupational clusters Adademic courses Annual Cost: $188,675 $ 33,958 Federal $154,699 Local Contact: Robert Raines 703/328-6113	Career Exploration Job placement Job training Annual Cost: $63,775 $ 11,479 Federal $ 52,296 Local Contact: same

S E C T I O N III

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FROM

DROPOUT SURVEY JULY 1985

Number of Reports

53% (74) of Virginia's school division have specific programs to reduce the number of dropouts.

42% (58) Have no program--either for prevention or for those who have already dropped out

5% (7) Did not return questionnaire (assuming no programs (42% + 5% = 47% (65) have no programs)

32% (42) Have a program for those who have dropped out

68% (94) Do not have a program for those who have dropped out

Expenditures

- Expenditures for dropout programs 1984-85, $9,692,139
- 52 school divisions reported expenditures
- Funds were from the following sources: basic aid, Chapter I, vocational education, JTPA, local, special education, Department of Criminal Justice Services, adult basic education, state remedial (only 5 school divisions reported use of remedial funds for dropout programs)

Causes

- Factors reported as the most prevalent in causing dropouts, listed in rank order: (1) achievement problems; (2) family problems; (3) financial; (4) behavior problems; (5) poor attendance; (6) pregnancy; (7) health; (8) got a job; (9) single parent; (10) lack of caring; and (11) substance abuse.

Activities/ Programs

Selected components of dropout programs in operation reported by school divisions: counseling of students, parents, elementary thru high school, parental involvement, employment training, flexible scheduling, positive role models, adaptations in curricula, homebound instruction, alternative education--multiple approaches, retention in grade, early identification, early intervention, caring individuals, referral to support agencies, collaboration with community groups/organizations, individualized instruction, smaller class sizes, in-school suspension, home/school coordinator, linkage program, hands-on experience in various skill areas, evening programs, job assistance, visiting teacher, pre-vocational classes, attendance counselors, developing positive school climate, vocational education, career education, youth employment training (YETP), work programs (school & summer), community input, court referrals, remedial education--emphasis on reading and mathematics, self contained classrooms, special schools, school/community liaison persons, and coping and survival skills. Many are used in combination with others.

Successful Activities

Activities reported as being the most successful in preventing dropouts listed in rank order:
(1) individual counseling; (2) vocational courses; (3) remedial classes; (4) career education; (5) work study; (6) part-time job (release); (7) cooperative education; (8) GED; (9) parental contact; and (10) survival skills.

APPENDIX

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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SUPTS. MEMO. NO. 79
July 17, 1985

ADMINISTRATIVE

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: S. John Davis, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Request for Information Concerning Dropout Programs

Attached is a questionnaire concerning dropout prevention programs and programs for those individuals who have already dropped out of school. The Department has detailed statistics on the number of dropouts, but very little information on programs that are being conducted to prevent students from dropping out of school and programs for those who have already dropped out.

Would you please complete the questionnaire and return it by August 15, 1985 to:

Dr. Melvin H. Garner
Administrative Director
Department of Education
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Attachment to Supts. Memo. No. 79
July 17, 1985

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DROPOUT QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME OF SCHOOL DIVISION _____

NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Do you have a special program(s) designed to prevent students from dropping out of school?

_____ Yes

_____ No

If so, describe.

If you have a dropout prevention program, have you enlisted the aid and support of community organizations such as:

Churches	_____
Social Services	_____
Parents	_____
Volunteers	_____
JTPA	_____
Employment Com.	_____
Other	_____

Other, please specify:

Describe collaborative efforts that appear to be most successful.

What specific activities, methods, procedures in use appear to be the most successful in retraining potential dropouts? Describe.

There are multiple factors that can cause a person to dropout of school. What factors seem to be the most prevalent that cause persons to dropout in your school division? Please list.

Do you have a person or persons assigned to direct or coordinate dropout prevention programs? If so, would you please provide the name and telephone number of the lead contact person.

_____ Yes

_____ No

NAME_____Phone No._____

If you have a dropout prevention program, would you provide the following information?

Estimated annual cost $_____

Funding Source: Federal $_____

State $_____

Local $_____

Other $_____

Would you please identify the type of funds. For example: if federal, what program, vocational education, special education, Chapter I, JTPA, etc. If state, basic aid, special projects, etc. If other, educational foundation, contributions, etc.

PROGRAMS FOR DROPOUTS

Do you have a special program(s) designed to assist those individuals who have already dropped out of school? _____ Yes _____ No

If so, describe.

If you have a program to assist those who have already dropped out, have you enlisted the aid and support of community organizations such as:

Churches	_____
Social Services	_____
Volunteers	_____
JTPA	_____
Employment Com.	_____
Business/Industry	_____
Other	_____

Other, please specify:

Describe collaborative efforts that appear to be most successful.

Do have have a person or persons assigned to direct or coordinate programs for those who have already dropped out of school?

_____ Yes

_____ No

If so, would you please provide the name and telephone number of the lead contact person?

NAME_____Phone No._____

If you have a program to assist those individuals who have already dropped out, would you provide the following information?

Estimated Annual Cost		$_____
Funding source	Federal	$_____
	State	$_____
	Local	$_____
	Other (Specify)	$_____

Would you please identify the type of funds. For example: if federal what program, vocational education, special education, Chapter II, JTPA, etc. If state, basic aid, special projects, etc. If other, educational foundation, contributions, etc.

PLEASE RETURN BY AUGUST 15, 1985 TO:

Dr. Melvin H. Garner
Administrative Director
Department of Education
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Richmond, VA 23216-2060

Data obtained from the Department of Education's Publication "Facing Up" 1980-81

RANKING OF SCHOOL DIVISIONS BY DROPOUT RATES, GRADES 8-12, 1980-81
DROPOUTS REPORTED AS OF SEPTEMBER -- JUNE

RANK	DIVISION	END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP PLUS DROPOUTS	NUMBER OF DROPOUTS	RATE AS A PERCENT
1	Falls Church	490	8	1.6
2	Harrisonburg	905	19	2.0
3	Bland	495	10	2.0
4	Fairfax	53,405	1,120	2.1
5	West Point	304	7	2.3
6	Poquoson	1,012	23	2.3
7	York	3,552	87	2.4
8	Floyd	851	21	2.5
9	Mathews	517	14	2.7
10	Cape Charles	73	2	2.7
11	Giles	1,570	45	2.9
12	Roanoke	7,606	226	3.0
13	New Kent	659	20	3.0
14	Bedford	3,048	92	3.0
15	Clarke	739	22	3.0
16	Loudoun	5,303	167	3.1
17	Carroll	1,854	60	3.2
18	Covington	683	22	3.2
19	Alleghany	1,319	44	3.3
20	Grayson	630	21	3.3
21	Middlesex	550	18	3.3
22	Craig	295	10	3.4
23	Buena Vista	502	17	3.4
24	Prince George	1,968	69	3.5
25	Rockbridge	1,696	60	3.5
26	Shenandoah	2,133	74	3.5

RANK	DIVISION	END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP PLUS DROPOUTS	NUMBER OF DROPOUTS	RATE AS A. PERCENT
27	Sussex	992	36	3.6
28	Lancaster	668	25	3.7
29	Arlington	6,170	231	3.7
30	Bath	407	15	3.7
31	Colonial Heights	1,421	54	3.8
32	Prince William	13,741	526	3.8
33	Appomattox	1,102	44	4.0
34	Richmond County	529	21	4.0
35	Gloucester	1,550	64	4.1
36	Radford	716	39	4.1
37	Hanover	4,350	180	4.1
38	Patrick	1,324	55	4.2
39	Rappahannock	456	19	4.2
40	Manassas City	1,210	52	4.3
41	Fredericksburg	850	37	4.4
42	Stafford	3,739	163	4.4
43	Amherst	2,122	94	4.4
44	Tazewell	3,736	163	4.4
45	King & Queen	383	17	4.4
46	Chesapeake	9,681	437	4.5
47	Campbell	3,783	171	4.5
48	Franklin	792	36	4.5
49	King George	915	42	4.6
50	Orange	1,446	66	4.6
51	Botetourt	1,886	87	4.6
52	Smyth	2,506	115	4.6
53	Hampton	9,972	454	4.6
54	Martinsville	1,439	68	4.7

RANK	DIVISION	END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP PLUS DROPOUTS	NUMBER OF DROPOUTS	RATE AS A PERCENT
55	Chesterfield	11,938	567	4.7
56	Virginia Beach	21,662	1,023	4.7
57	Augusta	4,356	204	4.7
58	Highland	172	8	4.7
59	Essex	723	34	4.7
60	Henry	4,414	214	4.8
61	Henrico	12,821	616	4.8
62	Cumberland	682	33	4.8
63	Waynesboro	1,192	58	4.9
64	Caroline	1,500	74	4.9
65	Warren	1,617	81	5.0
66	Montgomery	3,323	166	5.0
67	Staunton	1,317	66	5.0
68	Newport News	14,285	512	5.0
69	Rockingham	3,958	203	5.1
70	Alexandria	4,233	220	5.2
71	Wythe	1,950	101	5.2
72	Dinwiddie	1,878	98	5.2
73	Page	1,487	78	5.2
74	Norton	361	19	5.3
75	Northumberland	621	33	5.3
76	Fries	296	16	5.4
77	Westmoreland	904	52	5.4
78	Albemarle	3,883	209	5.4
79	Pulaski	2,667	147	5.5
80	Washington	3,554	194	5.5
81	Halifax	3,114	171	5.6

RANK	DIVISION	END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP PLUS DROPOUTS	NUMBER OF DROPOUTS	RATE AS A PERCENT
82	Accomack	2,092	118	5.6
83	Madison	866	47	5.7
84	Northampton	1,008	57	5.7
85	Southampton	1,070	62	5.7
86	Surry	552	32	5.8
87	Danville	3,084	180	5.8
88	Franklin County	2,667	167	5.9
89	Buchanan	3,125	189	6.0
90	Buckingham	1,036	62	6.0
91	Galax	645	39	6.0
92	Mecklenburg	2,304	138	6.0
93	Nelson	989	60	6.1
94	Prince Edward	785	48	6.1
95	Bristol	1,373	84	6.1
96	Clifton Forge	384	24	6.2
97	Lee	2,015	125	6.2
98	Williamsburg	2,027	128	6.3
99	King William	559	36	6.4
100	Powhatan	967	62	6.4
101	Lynchburg	3,941	251	6.4
102	Charles City	606	39	6.4
103	Nottoway	1,072	70	6.5
104	Goochland	784	31	6.5
105	Charlottesville	1,928	128	6.6
106	Fauquier	3,118	210	6.7
107	Culpeper	1,827	123	6.7
108	Greensville	901	60	6.7

RANK	DIVISION	END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP PLUS DROPOUTS	NUMBER OF DROPOUTS	RATE AS A PERCENT
109	Frederick	2,844	192	6.8
110	Russell	2,275	154	6.8
111	Dickenson	1,627	110	6.8
112	Winchester	1,291	88	6.8
113	Lunenburg	958	67	7.0
114	Fluvanna	831	58	7.0
115	Wise	3,427	242	7.1
116	Pittsylvania	3,427	242	7.1
117	Greene	670	49	7.3
118	Charlotte	925	71	7.3
119	Colonial Beach	230	17	7.4
120	Spotsylvania	2,955	221	7.5
121	Brunswick	1,140	88	7.7
122	Scott	1,887	148	7.9
123	Hopewell	1,854	147	7.9
124	Amelia	596	48	8.1
125	Louisa	1,309	110	8.4
126	Suffolk	3,600	306	8.5
127	Isle of Wight	1,705	148	8.7
128	Portsmouth	6,630	577	8.7
129	Petersburg	3,076	277	9.0
130	Norton	3,076	227	9.0
131	Roanoke City	5,598	507	9.1
132	Manassas Park	611	56	9.2
133	Richmond City	10,394	1,294	12.4
134	Norfolk	12,843	2,076	15.8

Data obtained from the Department of Education's Publication "Facing Up"
1981-82

RANKING OF SCHOOL DIVISIONS BY DROPOUT RATES, GRADES 8-12, 1981-82
DROPOUTS REPORTED AS OF SEPTEMBER-JUNE

RANK	DIVISION	END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP PLUS DROPOUTS	NUMBER OF DROPOUTS	RATE AS A PERCENT
1	Falls Church	438	7	1.6
2	Fairfax	54,143	1,021	1.9
3	Highland	149	3	2.0
4	Bath	427	9	2.1
5	Cape Charles	86	2	2.3
6	Poquoson	985	25	2.5
7	Clarke	730	18	2.5
8	Radford	722	19	2.6
9	Roanoke	7,720	800	2.6
10	Madison	816	21	2.6
11	Bland	521	15	2.9
12	Warren	1,552	45	2.9
13	Mathews	531	15	2.9
14	York	3,626	110	3.0
15	Floyd	840	25	3.0
16	Manassas City	1,305	39	3.0
17	Fries	289	9	3.1
18	Buena Vista	537	17	3.2
19	Loudoun	5,266	167	3.2
20	Harrisonburg	937	30	3.2
21	Prince George	1,887	61	2.2
22	Grayson	667	22	2.3
23	Botetourt	1,790	61	3.4
24	Giles	1,581	53	3.4
25	Bedford	3,080	106	3.4

RANK	DIVISION	END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP PLUS DROPOUTS	NUMBER OF DROPOUTS	RATE AS A PERCENT
26	New Kent	672	23	3.4
27	Prince William	14,069	477	3.4
28	West Point	254	10	3.5
29	Patrick	1,245	43	3.5
30	Rappahannock	457	16	3.5
31	Richmond County	486	17	3.5
32	Augusta	4,228	153	3.6
33	Clifton Forge	338	12	3.6
34	Carroll	1,941	72	3.7
35	Albemarle	3,835	147	3.8
36	Montgomery	3,390	129	3.8
37	Nelson	950	36	3.8
38	Colonial Beach	208	8	3.8
39	Wythe	1,989	78	3.9
40	Gloucester	1,541	60	3.9
41	Franklin City	790	31	3.9
42	Shenandoah	2,089	81	3.9
43	Chesapeake	9,488	383	4.0
44	King George	881	35	4.0
45	Nottoway	1,097	44	4.0
46	Alleghany	1,306	53	4.1
47	Chesterfield	12,561	510	4.1
48	Fluvanna	822	34	4.1
49	Frederick	2,842	117	4.1
50	Sussex	975	40	4.1
51	Arlington	6,079	257	4.2
52	Middlesex	505	21	4.2

RANK	DIVISION	END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP PLUS DROPOUTS	NUMBER OF DROPOUTS	RATE AS A PERCENT
53	Tazewell	3,734	158	4.2
54	Fredericksburg	890	39	4.4
55	Henrico	12,828	560	4.4
56	Smyth	2,449	109	4.5
57	Henry	4,450	200	4.5
58	Washington	3,480	158	4.5
59	King & Queen	390	18	4.6
60	Hanover	4,312	198	4.6
61	Colonial Heights	1,403	66	4.7
62	Galax	636	30	4.7
63	Rockingham	3,768	176	4.7
64	Appomattox	1,057	50	4.7
65	Essex	743	36	4.8
66	Campbell	3,767	182	4.8
67	Powhatan	932	45	4.8
68	Virginia Beach	21,196	1,042	4.9
69	King William	593	29	4.9
70	Halifax	3,015	148	4.9
71	Northampton	929	46	5.0
72	Surry	545	27	5.0
73	Williamsburg	1,983	99	5.0
84	Dinwiddie	1,904	97	5.1
75	Fauquier	3,030	156	5.1
76	Lancaster	632	32	5.1
77	Northumberland	602	31	5.1
78	Rockbridge	1,667	85	5.1
79	Alexandria	4,227	216	5.1
80	Accomack	2,173	112	5.2

RANK	DIVISION	END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP PLUS DROPOUTS	NUMBER OF DROPOUTS	RATE AS A PERCENT
81	Caroline	1,527	79	5.2
82	Newport News	10,177	534	5.2
83	Charlotte	984	52	5.3
84	Stafford	3,927	207	5.3
85	Cumberland	683	36	5.3
86	Spotsylvania	3,015	164	5.4
87	Goochland	741	40	5.4
88	Amelia	576	31	5.4
89	Franklin	2,566	140	5.5
90	Pulaski	2,832	155	5.5
91	Orange	1,380	77	5.6
92	Martinsville	1,453	82	5.6
93	Scott	1,908	109	5.7
94	Staunton	1,301	76	5.8
95	Isle of Wight	1,589	92	5.8
96	Waynesboro	1,145	66	5.8
97	Southampton	1,036	61	5.9
98	Brunswick	1,173	69	5.9
99	Bristol	1,298	76	5.9
100	Danville	2,993	177	5.9
101	Covington	664	40	6.0
102	Dickenson	1,553	93	6.0
103	Hampton	9,418	564	6.0
104	Russell	2,307	139	6.0
105	Lunenburg	993	60	6.0
106	Pittsylvania	5,059	32	6.2
107	Amherst	2,132	132	6.2

RANK	DIVISION	END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP PLUS DROPOUTS	NUMBER OF DROPOUTS	RATE AS A PERCENT
108	Portsmouth	6,482	405	6.2
109	Culpeper	1,824	113	6.2
110	Mecklenburg	2,223	141	6.3
112	Craig	313	20	6.4
113	Winchester	1,261	82	6.5
114	Westmoreland	955	62	6.5
115	Suffolk	3,479	227	6.5
116	Wise	3,401	226	6.6
117	Lee	2,038	140	6.9
118	Roanoke City	5,591	386	6.9
119	Norton	349	24	6.9
120	Manassas Park	566	39	6.9
121	Lynchburg	4,017	283	7.0
122	Buckingham	972	69	7.1
123	Page	1,472	108	7.3
124	Hopewell	1,780	131	7.4
125	Charlotesville	1,890	141	7.5
126	Charles City	597	45	7.5
127	Greensville	1,069	81	7.6
128	Petersburg	3,058	237	7.8
129	Louisa	1,357	109	8.0
130	Prince Edward	802	65	8.1
131	Buchanan	3,084	283	9.2
132	Richmond City	10,982	1,153	10.5
133	Greene	650	71	10.9
134	Norfolk	12,768	1,817	14.2

Data obtained from Department of Education publication "Facing-Up,1982-83"

RANKING OF SCHOOL DIVISIONS BY DROPOUT RATES, GRADES 8-12, 1982-83
DROPOUTS REPORTED AS OF SEPTEMBER-JUNE

Rank	Division	End of Year Membership Plus Dropouts	Number of Dropouts	Rate as a Percent
1	Craig	293	3	1.0
2	Falls Church	422	5	1.2
3	King & Queen	374	6	1.6
4	Radford	726	12	1.7
5	York	3459	64	1.9
6	Fairfax	54,441	1,068	2.0
7	Colonial Beach	205	4	2.0
8	Manassas City	1276	25	2.0
9	Franklin City	800	16	2.0
10	Floyd	840	18	2.1
11	Bland	507	11	2.2
12	King George	878	20	2.3
13	Clarke	727	17	2.3
14	Loudoun	5261	124	2.4
15	Grayson	646	17	2.6
16	Prince William	14,020	379	2.7
17	Highland	148	4	2.7
18	Washington	3,396	91	2.7
19	West Point	301	8	2.7
20	Prince George	1,837	51	2.8
21	Poquoson	1,020	28	2.8
22	Buena Vista	530	15	2.8
23	Northumberland	533	16	2.9
24	Appomattox	947	27	2.9
25	Roanoke	7,705	225	2.9

Rank	Division	End of Year Membership Plus Dropouts	Number of Dropouts	Rate as a Percent
26	Colonial Heights	1,324	39	2.9
27	Giles	1,478	44	3.0
28	Carroll	1,946	60	3.1
29	Chesterfield	12,824	397	3.1
30	Middlesex	453	14	3.1
31	Richmond Co.	488	15	3.1
32	Covington	638	20	3.1
33	Bedford	3,025	96	3.2
34	Shenandoah	2.032	65	3.2
35	Warren	1,496	49	3.3
36	Gloucester	1,574	54	3.4
37	Henrico	12,753	450	3.5
38	Fluvanna	846	30	3.5
39	Chesapeake	9,375	336	3.6
40	Smyth	2,434	90	3.7
41	Franklin	2,526	93	3.7
42	Frederick	2,847	106	3.7
43	Botetourt	1,781	66	3.7
44	Alexandria	4,182	159	3.8
45	Galax	664	25	3.8
46	Harrisonburg	921	35	3.8
47	Patrick	1,247	47	3.8
48	Powhatan	984	37	3.8
49	Mathews	533	20	3.8
50	Stafford	3,973	154	3.9
51	Albemarle	3,852	152	3.9
52	Amherst	2,056	83	4.0
53	Augusta	4,141	166	4.0

Rank	Division	End of Year Membership Plus Dropouts	Number of Dropouts	Rate as a Percent
54	Campbell	3,651	147	4.0
55	Dinwiddie	1,822	72	4.0
56	Danville	2,955	120	4.1
57	Rappahannock	459	19	4.1
58	Lancaster	605	25	4.1
59	Charlotte	1,031	42	4.1
60	Tazewell	3,773	158	4.2
61	Roanoke City	5,590	232	4.2
62	Pulaski	3,028	130	4.3
63	Wythe	1,999	86	4.3
64	Arlington	6,103	270	4.4
65	Buchanan	2,983	131	4.4
66	Caroline	1,538	68	4.4
67	Hanover	4,317	192	4.4
68	Rockbridge	1,584	69	4.4
69	Williamsburg	2,016	88	4.4
70	Bristol	1,290	57	4.4
71	Manassas Park	571	25	4.4
72	Rockingham	3,667	162	4.4
73	Fauquier	2,970	135	4.5
74	Halifax	3,023	136	4.5
75	Lunenburg	975	44	4.5
76	Surry	488	22	4.5
77	Norton	356	16	4.5
78	Winchester	1,214	55	4.5
79	Cumberland	678	32	4.7
80	Virginia Beach	21,202	1,017	4.8
81	Alleghany Highlands	1,591	76	4.8

Rank	Division	End of Year Membership Plus Dropouts	Number of Dropouts	Rate as a Percent
82	Henry	4,529	219	4.8
83	Montgomery	3,472	167	4.8
84	Hampton	8,754	431	4.9
85	Accomac	2,031	99	4.9
86	Lee	2,006	102	5.1
87	Scott	1,952	100	5.1
88	Newport News	9,951	517	5.2
89	Nottoway	1,075	56	5.2
90	Bath	422	22	5.2
91	Buckingham	933	49	5.3
92	Essex	668	36	5.4
93	Northampton	890	48	5.4
94	Russell	2,326	127	5.5
95	Orange	1,452	82	5.6
96	Westmoreland	897	50	5.6
97	New Kent	647	36	5.6
98	Dickenson	1,530	85	5.6
99	Page	1,389	79	5.7
100	Spotsylvania	3,163	179	5.7
101	Prince Edward	743	43	5.8
102	Nelson	945	55	5.8
103	Louisa	1,284	75	5.8
104	Lynchburg	4,022	232	5.8
105	Portsmouth	6,357	374	5.9
106	Charlottesville	1,833	109	5.9

Rank	Division	End of Year Membership Plus Dropouts	Number of Dropouts	Rate as a Percent
107	Brunswick	1,833	109	5.9
108	Greensville	1,117	67	6.0
109	Pittsylvania	5,061	304	6.0
110	Mecklenburg	2,159	129	6.0
111	Martinsville	1,111	68	6.1
112	Goochland	741	47	6.3
113	Wise	3,392	222	6.5
114	Suffolk	3,342	220	6.6
115	Staunton	1,244	85	6.8
116	King William	592	41	6.9
117	Amelia	561	39	7.0
118	Hopewell	1,754	122	7.0
119	Waynesboro	1,071	78	7.3
120	Petersburg	2,976	217	7.3
121	Culpeper	1,858	139	7.5
122	Madison	818	62	7.6
123	Southampton	1,013	77	7.6
124	Fries	301	23	7.6
125	Charles City	557	43	7.7
126	Isle of Wight	1,545	125	8.1
127	Richmond City	10,587	986	9.3
128	Fredericksburg	889	87	9.8
129	Cape Charles	111	12	10.8
130	Greene	651	82	12.6
131	Norfolk	12,193	1,556	12.8

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RANK	DIVISION	END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP PLUS DROPOUTS	NO. OF DROPOUTS	RATE AS A PERCENT
1	Cape Charles	92	0	0
2	Highland	141	1	.7
3	Craig	290	3	1.0
4	Falls Church	436	5	1.1
5	Lexington	71	1	1.4
6	Salem	1,681	34	2.0
7	York	3,497	78	2.2
8	Rappahannock	417	9	2.2
9	Fairfax	55,748	1,254	2.2
10	Floyd	840	19	2.3
11	Prince George	1,876	44	2.3
12	Fauquier Poquoson	2,914 1,053	69 25	2.4 2.4
13	Covington	614	15	2.4
14	Manassas	1,358	38	2.8
15	Radford	725	20	2.8
16	Prince William	14,440	413	2.9
17	Giles	1,481	43	2.9
18	Carroll	1,954	58	3.0
19	Loudoun	4,532	165	3.0
20	Smyth	2,469	77	3.1
21	Bland	516	16	3.1
22	Buckingham	917	28	3.1
23	Richmond	456	14	3.1
24	Buena Vista	543	17	3.1

RANK	DIVISION	END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP PLUS DROPOUTS	NO. OF DROPOUTS	RATE AS A PERCENT
25	Sussex	970	31	3.2
26	Nelson	898	29	3.2
27	Franklin City	838	28	3.3
28	Pulaski	2,994	100	3.3
29	Roanoke County	6,144	201	3.3
30	Harrisonburg	992	34	3.4
31	Northumberland	536	18	3.4
32	Alleghany Highlands	1,534	52	3.4
33	Clarke	713	24	3.4
34	Albemarle	3,772	133	3.5
35	Stafford	4,194	147	3.5
36	West Point	311	11	3.5
37	Bedford	3,045	108	3.5
38	Fluvanna	818	29	3.5
39	Bath	424	15	3.5
40	King George	895	31	3.5
41	Colonial Heights	1,295	47	3.6
42	Northampton	884	32	3.6
43	Chesterfield	13,698	497	3.6
44	Tazewell	3,788	142	3.7
45	Chesapeake	9,513	355	3.7
46	Mathews	538	20	3.7
47	Hanover	4,307	160	3.7
48	Grayson	624	24	3.8
49	Warren	1,517	58	3.8
50	Hampton	8,414	330	3.9
51	Patrick	1,269	49	3.9
52	Powhatan	970	38	3.9

RANK	DIVISION	END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP PLUS DROPOUTS	NO OF DROPOUTS	RATE AS A PERCENT
53	Gloucester	1,630	64	3.9
54	Lancaster	590	23	3.9
55	Augusta	4,139	167	4.0
56	Botetourt	1,823	73	4.0
57	Alexandria	4,150	167	4.0
58	Henrico	13,026	518	4.0
59	Middlesex	482	20	4.1
60	Campbell	3,686	151	4.1
61	Scott	1,934	81	4.2
62	Wythe	2,053	86	4.2
63	Washington	3,456	150	4.3
64	Spotsylvania	3,294	143	4.3
65	Shenandoah	2,059	88	4.3
66	New Kent	705	30	4.3
67	Halifax	3,018	133	4.4
68	Caroline	1,551	70	4.5
69	Roanoke City	5,717	242	4.6
70	Williamsburg	2,029	93	4.6
71	Amelia	565	27	4.8
72	Virginia Beach	21,989	1,047	4.8
73	Rockbridge	1,459	71	4.9
74	Rockingham	3,548	174	4.9
75	Southampton	980	48	4.9
76	King William	555	27	4.9
77	Henry	4,362	214	4.9
78	Buchanan	3,166	154	4.9
79	Danville	2,982	147	4.9

RANK	DIVISION	END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP PLUS DROPOUTS	NO. OF DROPOUTS	RATE AS A PERCENT
80	Russell	2,405	120	5.0
81	Appomattox	1,033	53	5.1
82	Lee	2,016	102	5.1
83	Lunenburg	971	50	5.1
84	Nottoway	1,061	54	5.1
85	Mecklenburg	2,098	109	5.2
86	Essex	658	34	5.2
87	Montgomery	3,589	191	5.3
88	Arlington	6,354	339	5.3
89	Cumberland	673	36	5.3
90	Charles City	541	29	5.4
91	Greene	598	32	5.4
92	Franklin	2,495	138	5.5
93	Frederick	2,908	159	5.5
94	King & Queen	402	22	5.5
95	Manassas Park	1,364	76	5.6
96	Wise	3,427	191	5.6
97	Madison	762	43	5.6
	Martinsville	1,364	76	5.6
98	Orange	1,426	81	5.7
99	Brunswick	1,112	69	5.8
100	Pittsylvania	4,803	277	5.8
101	Newport News	9,824	575	5.9
102	Westmoreland	880	52	5.9
103	Bristol	1,282	75	5.9
104	Dinwiddie	1,805	109	6.0
105	Isle of Wight	1,460	87	6.0
106	Waynesboro	1,046	64	6.1
107	Louisa	1,304	79	6.1

RANK	DIVISION	END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP PLUS DROPOUTS	NO.OF DROPOUTS	RATE AS A PERCENT
108	Winchester	1,254	78	6.2
109	Charlotte	1,059	67	6.3
110	Fredericksburg	872	55	6.3
111	Staunton	1,220	77	6.3
112	Suffolk	3,276	209	6.4
113	Portsmouth	6,320	412	6.5
114	Lynchburg	4,113	267	6.5
115	Amherst	2,149	140	6.5
116	Goochland	742	49	6.6
117	Norton	364	24	6.6
118	Dickenson	1,591	108	6.8
119	Galax	673	46	6.8
120	Petersburg	2,865	197	6.9
121	Prince Edward	799	56	7.0
122	Colonial Beach	197	14	7.1
123	Culpeper	1,790	129	7.2
124	Accomack	2,037	148	7.3
125	Surry	483	36	7.5
126	Page	1,433	111	7.7
127	Richmond City	10,299	816	7.9
128	Hopewell	1,710	140	8.2
129	Greensville	1,242	103	8.3
130	Charlottesville	1,788	153	8.6
131	Fries	297	33	11.1
132	Norfolk	11,607	1,334	11.5

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RANK	DIVISION	END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP PLUS DROPOUTS	NO. OF DROPOUTS	RATE AS A PERCENT
	Lexington	69	0	0
	Falls Church	435	5	1.1
	Bland	523	8	1.5
	York	3648	73	2.0
	Craig	288	6	2.1
	Highland	144	3	2.1
	Poquoson	1067	25	2.3
	Covington	575	13	2.3
	Fairfax	56,911	1348	2.4
	Radford	763	18	2.4
	Grayson	667	17	2.5
	Richmond	460	12	2.6
	Franklin	2390	64	2.7
	Smyth	2475	70	2.8
	Giles	1476	42	2.8
	Prince George	1878	52	2.8
	Loudoun	5478	152	2.8
	Alleghany Highlands	1543	44	2.9
	Augusta	4129	119	2.9
	Botetourt	1841	53	2.9
	Colonial Beach	202	16	3.0
	Franklin City	853	26	3.0
	Surry	472	14	3.0
	Salem	1634	51	3.1

RANK	DIVISION	END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP PLUS DROPOUTS	No. of Dropouts	RATE AS A PERCENT
	Colonial Heights	1272	40	3.1
	Shenandoah	2022	63	3.1
	Bedford	3104	97	3.1
	Northampton	832	27	3.2
	Powhatan	943	30	3.2
	Hanover	4327	137	3.2
	Southampton	1000	32	3.2
	Wythe	2009	66	3.3
	Roanoke	6338	209	3.3
	New Kent	691	23	3.3
	Fauquier	2970	98	3.3
	King George	912	30	3.3
	Sussex	928	32	3.4
	Galax	602	21	3.5
	Dinwiddie	1726	61	3.5
	Floyd	861	30	3.5
	Carroll	1936	69	3.6
	Clarke	713	26	3.6
	Newport News	9894	369	3.7
	Mathews	509	19	3.7
	Tazewell	3768	138	3.7
	Chesterfield	14,595	569	3.9
	Henrico	13,299	518	3.9
	King & Queen	337	13	3.9
	Harrisonburg	1030	41	4.0
	Lunenburg	892	36	4.0
	Essex	654	26	4.0

RANK	DIVISION	END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP PLUS DROPOUTS	NO.OF DROPOUTS	RATE AS A PERCENT
	Stafford	4386	178	4.1
	Rappahannock	411	17	4.1
	West Point	294	12	4.1
	Bristol	1231	50	4.1
	Nelson	873	37	4.2
	Rockbridge	1391	50	4.1
	Halifax	3067	133	4.3
	Fries	282	12	4.3
	Chesapeake	9646	411	4.3
	Hampton	8293	360	4.3
	Greene	594	26	4.4
	Waynesboro	1043	46	4.4
	Albemarle	3704	165	4.5
	Buchanan	3157	143	4.5
	Henry	4327	113	4.5
	Goochland	724	33	4.6
	Brunswick	1141	53	4.6
	Warren	1488	69	4.6
	Patrick	1295	59	4.6
	Charlotte	1025	47	4.6
	Washington	3410	161	4.7
	Martinsville	1362	66	4.8
	Va. Beach	22,385	1082	4.8
	Accomack	1907	92	4.8
	Northumberland	569	28	4.9
	King William	555	27	4.9
	Buena Vista	545	27	5.0
	Bath	398	20	5.0

RANK	DIVISION	END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP PLUS DROPOUTS	NO.OF DROPOUTS	RATE AS A PERCENT
	Gloucester	1726	86	5.0
	Suffolk	3234	163	5.0
	Williamsburg	2097	104	5.0
	Campbell	3701	189	5.1
	Pulaski	3031	154	5.1
	Middlesex	491	25	5.1
	Danville	2930	150	5.1
	Staunton	1239	65	5.2
	Roanoke City	5475	284	5.2
	Alexandria	4383	228	5.2
	Nottoway	1064	55	5.2
	Mecklenburg	2066	108	5.2
	Cumberland	641	34	5.3
	Appomattox	1041	55	5.3
	Fluvanna	835		5.3
	Norton	359	19	5.3
	Portsmouth	6046	319	6.3
	Rockngham	3514	186	5.3
	Scott	1965	104	5.3
	Montgomery	3582	193	5.4
	Russell	2408	133	5.5
	Spotsylvania	3487	191	5.5
	Westmoreland	850	47	5.5
	Pittsylvania	4762	260	5.5
	Manassas	1434	79	5.5
	Arlington	6428	359	5.6
	Lancaster	585	33	5.6
	Winchester	1237	70	5.7

RANK	DIVISION	END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP PLUS DROPOUTS	NO. OF DROPOUTS	RATE AS A PERCENT
	Frederick	2955	169	5.7
	Fredericksburg	898	52	5.8
	Lee	2097	121	5.8
	Prince Edward	850	50	5.9
	Page	1384	83	6.0
	Dickenson	1608	96	6.0
	Charles City	544	33	6.1
	Buckingham	939	58	6.2
	Wise	3546	211	6.2
	Hopewell	1649	102	6.2
	Culpeper	1752	114	6.5
	Caroline	1511	100	6.6
	Lynchburg	4204	279	6.6
	Amherst	2110	141	6.7
	Louisa	1339	92	6.9
	Manassas Park	525	37	7.0
	Amelia	594	42	7.1
	Isle of Wight	1501	112	7.5
	Charlottesville	1687	144	8.5
	Richmond City	10,084	869	8.6
	Cape Charles	108	10	9.3
	Norfolk	11,331	1058	9.3
	Petersburg	2819	284	10.1
	Greensville	1275	129	10.1